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## Easter Sunday

9:30 Worship Celebration  
April 4, 2021

# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH** | Inviting, Growing, Serving...

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Faith is a growing faith community in the Aurora area. We're people just like you, who are hungry to know God better. We're looking for the answers to life's tough questions. We're struggling to be better parents, spouses, friends, and neighbors. We don't have all the answers but we're growing as we go.

Faith is a great place to find healing for broken hearts and broken lives. In every Sunday message you'll learn new skills and attitudes to help you live life with the kind of joy that God intends for us. You'll also meet people who are also growing in their journey through the joys and challenges of life. You'll find lots of "walking partners" for your journey here. There are no closed doors at Faith, just lots of opportunities to grow in Christ, friendship, and love.

Faith is a church with a great vision; however, accomplishing a great vision requires the participation of many great people like you. There's a place in our vision for you to use your unique gifts and talents.

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# *The Gathering*

## **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

### **OPENING SONG**

Buried in the Grave

There was a day we held our breath And felt the sting of bitter death  
When all our hopes were buried in the grave Our eyes awake, Our hearts were torn  
Between our faith and what we knew Before our King was buried in the grave

Grace was in the tension of everything we've lost  
Standing empty handed shattered by the cross

All we had, all we had was a promise like a thread  
Holding us, keeping us oh from fraying at the edge  
All we knew, all we knew  
Was You said You'd come again You'd rise up from the dead

There was a day we looked for proof That You had risen from the tomb  
And all our doubts began to roll away We touched the scars upon Your hands  
You kept Your word, Son of Man You buried death by taking on the grave

You came here to save us 'cause everything was lost  
No longer empty handed clinging to the cross

It is won it is done

All we had, all we had is a promise like a thread  
Holding us, keeping us oh from fraying at the edge  
All we knew, all we knew  
Is You said You'd come again You rose up from the dead

## EASTER LITANY

P: The Lord is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: The Lord is risen indeed! And because he lives, we too shall live! Remember how he told you that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

**C: Look! He is no longer here. The tomb of death is empty!**

P: He is risen indeed! And because he lives, we too shall live!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The Lord's mighty arm has triumphed; his power has brought us victory!

**C: I will not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done.**

P: The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces.

Death shall be no more.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!**

P: The Lord is risen!

**C: He has risen indeed!**

## **OPENING SONG**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia  
Unto Christ our heavenly king, Alleluia  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia  
Now above the sky, He's King, Alleluia  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia  
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia  
Praise Him all you heavenly host, Alleluia  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **EASTER GREETING & WELCOME**

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## The Word

### READING

### 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### SONG OF PROMISE *please stand*

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;

I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted,

and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

## GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

## MESSAGE

| Pastor Rob Douglas

## THE PRAYERS

- A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.
- A: Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- A: Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## *The Meal*

### **PEACE**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**



## EASTER COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: God of Easter, in the presence of this bread, we lift our voices in praise. We see the bread in all its glory and power, grateful that the resurrection of our Lord has stamped it with the emblem of eternity. As the tomb is empty and the bread of his table is filled, breathe into all who break it, a rebirth of the majesty and mystery of Easter.

**C: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying...**

P: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. God of life, may the beauty of this Easter day bring us to this cup with open hearts. May the majesty of this day bring us to this cup with open minds. May the truth of this day bring us to the cup with willing hands. You have blessed this cup with the power of Easter. Touch our lives with the gift of your grace.

**C: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying...**

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

### **AN INVITATION**

*We invite you to share in Holy Communion this morning, regardless of your church background or lack thereof. We believe that God is present in the bread and wine as it becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ and that this presence is a gift of grace in the lives of those who receive it. All are welcomed to the table enjoy this gift of God's love and mercy. Grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Gluten free wafers available at usher stand..*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

## The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace

Amen Amen Amen

May his favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations and your family and your children  
And their children and their children

May his presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you, all around you  
And within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A:** Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

## Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

*Chorus* Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim (*Chorus*)

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Singing O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE!**

#### ***Treasured--Discovering You're Priceless to God!***

July 12-16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church

Cost : in person \$35 (early bird discount, register by 5/31); \$40 (after 6/1)

remote: \$15

Treasured VBS takes kids on an epic, faith-filled adventure where they'll discover that they're God's greatest treasure! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Closing Quest that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Registration opens on 4/11!! Due to COVID we will be offering VBS either onsite or online to best suit your family's needs.

**Easter flowers decorating the sanctuary are given by the following members to the Glory of God and:**

In celebration of grandchildren Alex, Eva, Cole, Tyler and Mason

from Dennis & Karen Banschbach 2 tulips

In memory of loved ones and celebration of our Risen Lord from Judy Brown 1 daffodil

In memory of grandmothers Theresa Caruso and Bertha Fries from Theresa Caruso 1 Easter lily

In celebration of our 5 grandchildren from Jeff & Ginny Cowan 1 hyacinth, 1 daffodil, 1 tulip

In memory of Teresa and Ralph Taylor, Margaret and John Sanders

from Meredith Reininger 1 tulip

In memory of Catherine and Donald Pritchett, Donna and Eugene Reininger

from Meredith Reininger 1 daffodil, 1 tulip

In celebration of Jack & Betty, JoAnne, Jon, Cindy, Lori and my grandchildren

from Diane Rinehard 1 daffodil

In memory of Fritz & Mildred Halupnick and Wayne Schumacher

from Randy & Bonnie Schumacher 1 hyacinth

To the Glory of God from John & Gail Secor 2 hyacinth

In memory of Lu Weigel, Muriel Weigel from Gary & Linda Weigel 1 Easter lily, 1 tulip

In memory of Roberts & Wohlrab Family from Dolores Wohlrab 1 Easter lily

**You are welcome to take your flowers after the 9:30 Easter service.**



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